

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

The Corporate take over of our "supposed" free press is not only sickening but, it is an affront to democracy! The Right of the people to question gov't. is the foundation of what we call Liberty, yet, our mainstream corporate media never seems to do so. There have been COUNTLESS occasions for them to raise questions about this Administration but, they opt for a different path of 24hr hurricane coverage and subliminal attacks against John Kerry.

In fact, when someone DOES put them on the ironing board, such as Kitty Kelly or Michael Moore, the media easily dismisses them as "liars and propagandists." I don't know about Kitty Kelly but, Michael Moore isn't a liar, but George Bush is. I'm sorry for ranting. Enjoy your freedom while it lasts, but, if you want it to last a little longer... Vote John Kerry